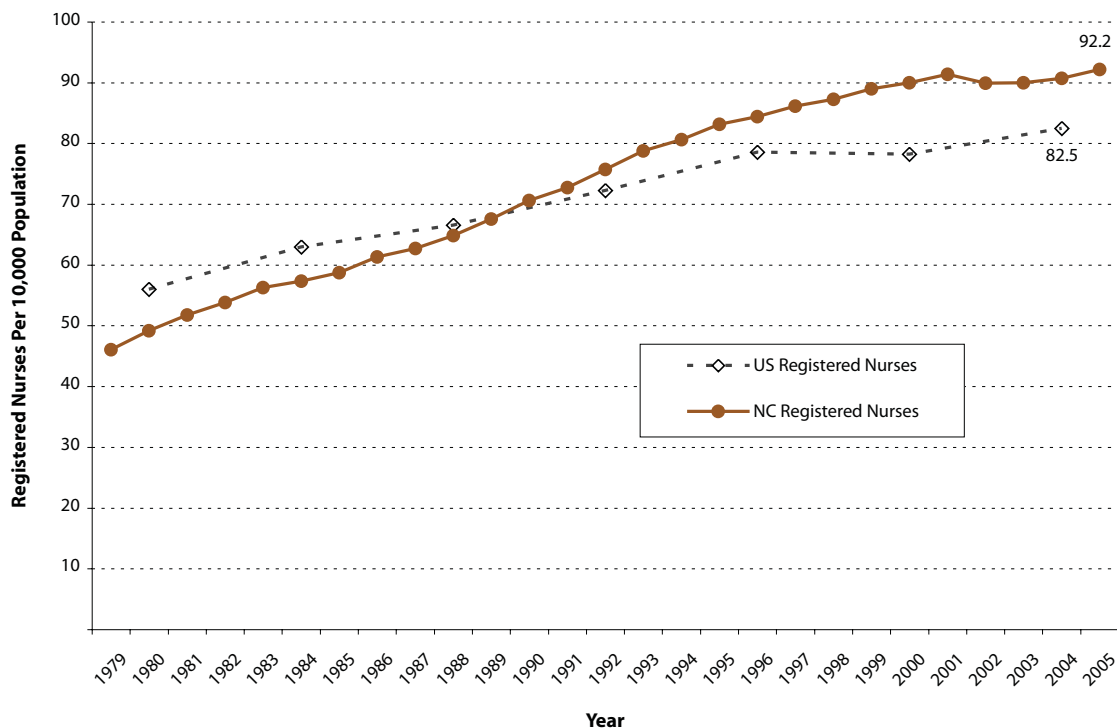


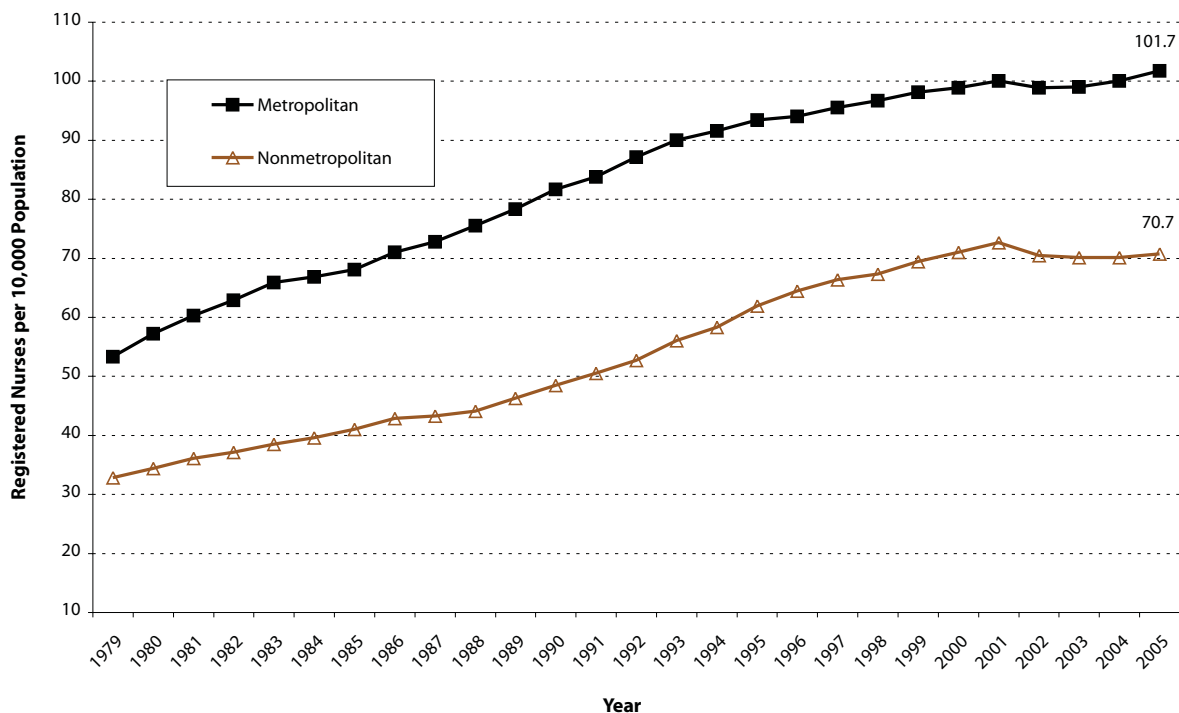
**Figure 31. Registered Nurses per 10,000 Population  
United States and North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate RNs. Data are reported every four years and are connected by a dashed line.

Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; U.S. Census Bureau; Bureau of Health Professions, HRSA: The Registered Nurse Population- Findings from the National Sample Survey of Registered Nurses, 2004, 2000, 1996, 1992, 1988, 1984, 1980.

**Figure 32. Registered Nurses per 10,000 Population  
Metropolitan and Nonmetropolitan Counties, North Carolina  
1979-2005**



Notes: Figures include all active, instate RNs licensed as of October 31st of the respective year.

Sources: North Carolina Health Professions Data System, 1979 to 2005; North Carolina Office of State Planning; North Carolina State Data Center, Office of State Budget and Management; US Census Bureau and Office of Management and Budget, 2006.